



INDIANA COMMISSION *for*  
HIGHER EDUCATION

## H. KENT WELDON CONFERENCE for HIGHER EDUCATION

### *Supporting the Transition from High School to College & Careers*

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**  
Indianapolis Marriott North  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

- 8:00 a.m.**      **Registration & Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.**      **Welcome**  
*Chris LaMothe, Chairman, Indiana Commission for Higher Education*
- 9:15 a.m.**      **Keynote: Supporting the Transition from High School to College & Careers**  
*Matt Gandal, President, Education Strategy Group*
- 9:45 a.m.**      **Response Panel**  
*Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner for Higher Education*  
*PJ McGrew, Director of Policy, Governor's Workforce Cabinet*  
*Jason Bearce, Vice President for Education and Workforce Development, Indiana Chamber of Commerce*
- 10:45 a.m.**      **Breakout Sessions**
- 12:00 p.m.**      **Lunch Keynote: A Conversation with Governor Eric Holcomb**  
*Eric Holcomb, Governor of Indiana*  
*Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner for Higher Education*
- 1:00 p.m.**      **Reflections & Closing**

#### **Breakout Session Topics**

- Parents as Partners: Engaging Families Effectively to Drive Student Success ..... Miller**  
*Alfonso Vidal, Commission Member, Indiana Commission for Higher Education*  
*Jená Bellezza, Chief Operating Officer, Indiana Parenting Institute*
- Building Intentional Pathways in High School ..... Hart**  
*Mike Alley, Commission Member, Indiana Commission for Higher Education*  
*Dwight Ashley, Principal, Parke Heritage High School*  
*Laura Hayes, Interim Director of K-12 Transitions, Ivy Tech Community College*
- Ensuring Quality through Work-Based Experience ..... Shields**  
*Jud Fisher, Commission Member, Indiana Commission for Higher Education*  
*Tina Peterson, Chief Executive Officer, Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Inc.*